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Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.</u>

Upper Hosston B Zone; Hosston L Zone, Reservoir A; Hosston 9550 Foot Sand, Reservoir A; and Hosston Sand, Reservoir C; VIXEN FIELD, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

JM EXPLORATION COMPANY, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Upper Hosston B Zone; the Hosston L Zone, Reservoir A; the Hosston 9550 Foot Sand, Reservoir A; and the Hosston Sand, Reservoir C; all in the VIXEN FIELD, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana.

# Upper Hosston B Zone

- 1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Upper Hosston B Zone, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated UH B SUF.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
  - 3. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as Operator of the proposed additional unit.
- 4. To designate the Brammer Engineering, Inc.--Joe Knighton Estate No. 1 Well, at the location shown on an attached plat, as the unit well for the proposed additional unit in exception to the well location requirements of Office of Conservation Order No. 139-F, effective September 1, 1961.

- 5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 139-F, effective September 1, 1961, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 139-F series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
- 6. To approve the drilling, designation and use of the Brammer Engineering, Inc.--Devon-Donner No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for UH B SUC at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 139-F, effective September 1, 1961.
- 7. To find that the proposed substitute unit well for UH B SUC is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Upper Hosston B Zone underlying UH B SUC which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
  - 8. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as Operator of UH B SUC.
- 9. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Upper Hosston B Zone in Vixen Field, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 139-F, effective September 1, 1961.

### Hosston L Zone, Reservoir A

- 1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston L Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS L RA SUE.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as Operator of, and its Joe Knighton Estate No. 1 Well as the unit well for, the proposed additional unit.
- 4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 139-O, effective October 23, 1996, to the proposed additional unit.
- 5. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as operator of, and its Devon-Donner No. 1 Well as the unit well for, HOSS L RA SUA.

6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston L Zone, Reservoir A, in the Vixen Field, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 139-O, effective October 23, 1996.

## Hosston 9550 Foot Sand, Reservoir A

- 1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston 9550 Foot Sand, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS 9550 RA SUD.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as Operator of, and its Devon-Donner No. 1 Well as the unit well for, the proposed additional unit.
- 4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 139-G, effective March 1, 1962, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 139-G series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
- 5. To approve the drilling, designation and use of the Brammer Engineering, Inc.--Joe Knighton Estate No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for HOSS 9950 RA SUA at the location shown on an attached plat.
- 6. To find that the proposed substitute unit well for HOSS 9550 RA SUA is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston 9950 Foot Sand, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS 9950 RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
  - 7. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as Operator of HOSS 9950 RA SUA.
- 8. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

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The Hosston 9550 Foot Sand, Reservoir A, in Vixen Field, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 139-G, effective March 1, 1962.

#### Hosston Sand, Reservoir C

- 1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Sand, Reservoir C, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS RC SUG.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as Operator of, and its Joe Knighton Estate No. 1 Well as the unit well for, the proposed additional unit.
- 4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 139-N, effective December 9, 1982, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 139-N series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
- 5. To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as operator of, and its Devon-Donner No. 1 Well as the unit well for, HOSS RC SUD.
- 6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Sand, Reservoir C, in the Vixen Field, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 139-N, effective December 9, 1982.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of JM Exploration Company, L.L.C., 416 Travis Street, Suite 1414, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. David Meadows at (318) 425-7617 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated January 31, 2002, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these matters and a pre-application conference was tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2002. No pre-application

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conference request was received within ten (10) days following the date of such notice; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Attached hereto are four (4) plats outlining Applicant's proposed units, which plats are identical to those attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Monroe District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Vixen Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

Attorney for JM Exploration Company, L.L.C.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles McGough (w/encls.)

Mr. David Meadows (w/encls.)

Mr. Randy Beauclair (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)







